

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application No.: 10/591,311 }  
Title: HANDHELD APPARATUS FOR ANALYSIS WITH A CONVEYANCE PATH FOR TEST ELEMENTS } Electronically Submitted July 14, 2010  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2010, please consider this submission accompanying the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith. The commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account 10-0435, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.